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MINUTES
BOARD FOR FIREFIGHTING
PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION

August 1, 2016
Wayne Twp. FD
700 N High School Rd
Indpls IN 46214
6pm EST
Agenda

A. Call to order at 6pm

Attending

Greg Wyant-Chair

Eric Dreiman – Vice Chair

Rob Lund – Secretary

Eric Gentry

Burke Jones

Brandon Wood

Genois Brabson

John Smith

Tom Hanify

Robert Johnson – sitting in for James Greeson

Chris Johnson

Jason Rogers

B. Eric Dreiman made a motion to approve June 16th minutes as submitted.
Tom Hanify seconded. Motion passed

C. New Variance requests (staff recommends approval)

1. Chris Conklin, Lafayette Fire Academy Recruit class, 16-17 year old testing.

Matthew Bishop, Jacob Brogan; Ethan Burkart, Izaac Cayouette; Carson Crum; Luis Estrada; Jonathan Ford; Gabriela Gonzalez; Ty Johns; Austin Kent; Aaron King; Evan May; Dane Northcutt; Jonathin Ragland; Adrian Sanchez.

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve. Eric Gentry seconded. Motion passed.

2. Kyle Johnson, Amo FD, student under 18.

Student: Reagan Hubbard

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve. Eric Gentry seconded. Motion passed.

3. Kyle Francis, Columbia High School, 16-17 year old testing.

Students: Christopher Brooke, Megan Sanders, Collin Nelson, Noah Graham, Daniel Watts, Tanner Moore, Dylan McClure, Tracie Miller, Katie Bridegam, Trey Wolfe, Logan Price.

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve. Eric Gentry seconded. Motion passed.

4. Andrew Giordano, Fire Officer I, pending passing state exam

Eric Gentry made a motion to approve pending his passing the state exam. Chris Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

5. Josiah Clark, Investigator Based on IAAI-FIT testing

Chris Johnson made a motion to approve. Eric Gentry seconded. Motion passed.

6. Michael Schroll, Instructor I, pending his passing the Instructor reciprocity test.

Rob Lund made a motion to approve pending his passing the reciprocity test. Eric Dreiman seconded. Motion passed.

D. New Variance requests (staff recommends denial)

1. Joshua Magner, Waive 1 year wait

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve the request to waive the 1 year waiting period based on his years of service. Jason Rogers seconded. Motion passed.

E. New Variance requests (staff has no recommendation)

1. Tim Thomas, Fire Officer I-IV based on years of experience, and training.

Jason Rogers recused himself from the vote since he knows Mr. Thomas personally. Eric Gentry made a motion to approve Fire Officer I and II, based on skills and experience, but deny Fire Officer III and IV due to lack of management and upper level qualifications. Rob Lund seconded. Motion passed.

F. State Fire Marshal Report – Robert Johnson

No report at this time.

G. Director of Training Report – Brandon Wood

We are getting ready for the state exercise on Sept 11 thru the 16th. This exercise involves 4 of the state districts.

The LMS has been upgraded on the Autism classes. We are currently working on the Blood Borne Pathogens and SIDS programs.

H. Director of Fire Training Report – John Buckman III

1. Driver Operator, Jones and Bartlett edition, will be effective Oct 1st. All IFSTA testing needs to be completed by that time.
2. Wayne Twp. volunteered to update the Fire Officer I, II, III and IV program so that they can be IFSAC accredited. They should be complete by the end of this week and will be submitted to IFSAC for this round of inspections. This program is to the IFSTA books as the committee wanted.
3. In the past, on the LXR grading system, if you scored 69.8, we round the number up to 70% and you passed. The acadis system does not do this.

If you score 69.8 in acadis then you failed the exam. We will no longer round the scores off in the LXR system. This way, all scores are treated the same in both systems. Also, the LXR system has sold to a different company so we no longer have support for this testing system. If it goes down, we cannot fix it.

4. IFSAC inspection is coming in late October to evaluate the state for re-accreditation. Bill Huffer is in charge of getting everything current. We are submitting Hazmat Awareness and Operations, Firefighter I/II, Instructor I, Fire Officer I, II, III, and IV. Safety Officer will not be submitted at this time. Once the committee has finished its evaluation of Safety Officer, we will submit it for accreditation as well.
5. Letter from Warsaw Fire Territory, last year the Board granted them permission to take Structural collapse without the prerequisites being met. The Board gave them 1 year to complete the program with all requirements. They are asking for an additional one (1) year to complete this requirement. They have not had a chance to complete the programs due to other training.

Motion to approve. Seconded. Motion passed.

6. Update from advisors to the Board Rules update. Most of the suggested changes are clean-up in nature.
 - Repeal: Pub Fire Education III
 - Wilderness Rescuer Operations/technician (never had testing for this)
 - Does the Board want rules for the SAR included in the 655.
 - Main proposed changes are that the evaluator must hold a certificate in the field he is evaluating
 - Instructor I can be lead evaluator or lead instructor for any certification class that they hold a valid certification for providing they have an approved curriculum.

- Separate Instructor II/III; this will not affect those that currently hold this certification
- Skill submitted prior to cognitive examination
- (discussion- Board feels that it should not matter what order testing is done in. Once you have taken one, you should have a period of time to complete all testing. Discussion was on 60-90 180 days.)
- Added the ability of 16-17 year old testing, this way they do not have to file for variances.
- Open book testing for Tech rescue, 655 rules allowed during instructor testing; and ERG allowed for all testing
- Change retest attempts from 3 down to 2.
- The full suggested changes can be found at www.in.gov/dhs under boards and commissions

These are what the committee has suggested. The Board has discussed the changes but no vote has been taken. At the October Board meeting, more changes will be discussed

I. Administrative Proceedings/ Non-Final Orders

Board members asked about the Mr. Cline issues. Jonathan Whitham responded that the case is at being heard in the Marion County Superior Court where each side will file a brief and the court will make a decision—likely still several months away.

J. Request for Administrative Appeals – Chairman

No report

K. Old Business

1. Electronic attendance for Board meetings.

This allows Board members that cannot physically attend a meeting to still participate, vote and comment on issues. They would be counted as in attendance and will count towards a quorum. Equipment necessary for this must allow them to hear everything going on, be able to comment on issues so that everyone can hear their comments, etc. The Board voted to

approve the electronic meeting policy which requires physical attendance for at least 75% of the scheduled meetings for the year.

L. New Business

M. Open discussion, comments, questions?

N. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

O. Next meeting:

October 3, 2016

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